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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chink:

I very much appreciate hearing from you. Sorry I wasn't present when you telephoned. My leave was up today and I am now back on the job full time. Inasmuch as I figured my answer to [REDACTED]'s letter about covered the situation I delayed replying to your letter until now.

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As I stated in writing to [REDACTED] we actually didn't envisage any work on the part of the C.I.A. especially for the Naval War College, but as an exception we would be greatly pleased to get a study which amplifies this subject: Communication aspects of Soviet capabilities to support a major force in the Persian Gulf - Arabian Peninsula area. We don't hold the "Brochure on Island" to which you refer, and I would like to have one or more copies. Studies covering other areas in which you know we are interested would be gratefully received. I am enclosing a copy of a letter describing the proposed Op. Probs. for this year. As you can see there isn't much change.

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I hope that things are reasonably clear as to what we want. In the main we are interested in studies which C.I.A. already has prepared or will prepare in the future. We possess nothing [REDACTED] beyond that listed in my letter to [REDACTED]. As I said, the "Strategic Intelligence Digest, U.S.S.R.", is more nearly the type of material we find helpful. I say this not because of the subject but because of the type of treatment given.

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I stated that I didn't want to ask for special work, other than on the "communication aspects of Soviet capabilities", but I would like to reserve the opportunity to possibly ask for some special work at a later date. Wish I could get down to see you. Probably in the fall I will be able to do so.

The new students are reporting in. It won't be long before we get underway once more. Admiral Spruance has retired and Admiral Smith is acting President. According to scuttlebutt Rear Admiral Beary eventually will take over as President. I have told several of the staff that I heard from you and have extended your greetings. My regards to your wife. Hope you like your new work.

Sincerely,


H. W. Howe,
Captain, U.S.N.